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Dear Public Records Advisory Council Members,

The purpose of this letter is to announce my resignation from my position as Public Records Advocate, effective October 11, 2019. Our October meeting will be the last meeting that I will be able to attend as your chair, but I plan on participating in the selection of my successor, as contemplated in ORS 192. I will spend the next month preparing the office for my departure and ensuring that this transition goes as smoothly as possible.

This was not an easy decision. I have enjoyed working with you all and have loved the work I've done here. I am proud of what the Public Records Advisory Council has accomplished in the past year and half. In that time we have crafted two legislative proposals and even managed to get one passed on the first try. We have conducted the very first public records survey in the State of Oregon. And we have brought people from diverse viewpoints together to discuss important public records related issues. It is my hope that the Council will continue to move forward ambitiously in the future, tackling important issues like fees, delays, and resources.

Though I will no longer be serving in this role, I believe deeply in the importance of the Office of the Public Records Advocate. This Office serves an essential role in connecting the public with the government. In order to do this, though, the Office must be independent, operating to serve the public and not partisan political interests. I hope that the Council will dedicate itself to protecting that independence and select a candidate who is equally devoted to that goal.

You are all integral to the success of the Office of the Public Records Advocate. You have provided me with valuable expertise and feedback as I launched this office. I cannot possibly thank you enough for the help you have given me in building this office and for the support you have given me during a very difficult time in my life this year.

It has been a privilege to work with all of you and to serve the people of Oregon. I look forward to seeing what the next chapter will be for this Council and the Office of the Public Records Advocate.

Sincerely,

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